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FOR AMB SCHAUFLE FROM WISNER

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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: THE SECRETARY'S LETTER

1. I CALLED ON JOSHUA NKOMO IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS
RETURN FROM LONDON AND DELIVERED THE SECRETARY'S
LETTER.

2. NKOMO READ THE LETTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY AND
THEN ASKED I PASS ON HIS DEEP APPRECIATION. HE SAID
"PLEASE TELL THE SECRETARY HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR
THIS MEESAGE. I WILL ALWAYS KEEP IT."

3. I TOLD NKOMO THAT WE WANTED HIM TO REALIZE WHAT
A DIFFICULT TASK WE FACED IN OBTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN
AND RHODESIAN ACCEPTANCE FOR A SETTLEMENT. IN VIEW
OF THIS, WE WANTED HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE TOTAL
REJECTION OF A FRAMEWORK WHICH HAD BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY
NEGOTIATED WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO USE
OUR INFLUENCE A SECOND TIME. I URGED HIM TO BE
MORE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPT HIS POSITION AS THE RECESS
CONSULTATONS PROCEED.

4. NKOMO SAID THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD MY POINT.
"PLEASE TELL THE SECRETARY THAT IF 9 AND 1 EQUALS 10,
SO MAY 6 AND 4 EQUAL 10. I HAVE DIFFICULTY CONVINCING
MY ASSOCIATES OF THIS BUT I WILL TRY VERY HARD.

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5. NKOMO PLANS TO BE IN SALISBURY AND BULAWAYO

THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER. IN EARLY JANUARY HE
HOPES TO GO TO JIDDA AND RIYADH THROUGH CAIRO. HE
WILL PROVIDE THE NAMES OF HIS DELEGATION SHORTLY. CATTO

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